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WHAT SHALL WE WEAR?

The Philippine soldiers are having difficulty in adapting themselves to the uniforms furnished by Uncle Sam. The shoes do not fit the Filipino's foot and as a consequence there have been some objections filed. General Leonard Wood made a report of his work as commanding officer of the Department of Mindanao, in which he suggests that the soldiers in our new possessions be allowed to march without shoes, as has been their custom. Mr. Wood says the ability of the Filipino soldiers to do excellent marching barefoot should be improved. He also suggests that Uncle Sam give up the idea of "substituting civilized clothing for a force, which, unsuited and untogged, has been accustomed to get along with a few ounces of bunting more or less artistically draped around their figures." True, the American soldier's uniform costs a trifle more than that which the Filipino has been accustomed to, yet we cannot fail to appreciate the fact that the little dark brown fighters on our island possessions will look "better" and feel better after a time at least, in the garb of their civilized friends. He must train his feet to fill the shoes made from American patterns and when he learns to find comfort in civilized man's clothing instead of those scanty decorations he exhibited at the big St. Louis fair, he will be a more valuable acquisition to our citizenship and a greater credit to himself. Footwear and clothing are agencies of civilization, no matter what General Wood thinks or says.

Col. Charles L. Jewett, who has been requested by the commission recently appointed to codify the laws of Indiana, will recommend a law providing that a man may, during life, establish his own will in court after notifying his heirs he may go into court and have his will probated, or he may have it probated without the contents being made public, the document being authenticated by the signature of the Judge and the seal of the court.

A correspondent of the Magdeburg Gazette has been adding up the lists of the losses in the Russo-Japanese war and has arrived at terrible totals, reports a London paper of recent date. From the newspapers he gathers that the Russian killed and wounded amount to 4,397,700, while the Russian press reports in detachments—5,728,000 killed and wounded Japanese. That is apart from the naval battles.

The expensiveness of social life in Washington is probably responsible for the impression that a poor man in the cabinet is in a box.

After being celebrated for some time as a pacemaker, America is now being glancing to acquire fame as a peace maker.

A Big Blaze at Columbus.

Columbus, O., Dec. 22.—Fire yesterday on High street destroyed \$150,000 worth of property in the business district. The flames started in the Mitchell building. The second, third and fourth floors were occupied as flats and 15 families resided there, but all were rescued. The fire spread to the store of the Krauss, Butler & Bennett Co., one of the largest carpet dealers in central Ohio, and the Wheeler grocery adjoining. While the men were at work on the second floor of the Mitchell building there was an explosion of gas. Five firemen were injured, none seriously.

Fall 135 Feet and Lives.

New York, Dec. 22.—After falling 135 feet from the central span of the Williamsburg bridge into the East river yesterday, Charles Summerfield, a workman employed on the structure, was picked up by a tug and is still alive. The surgeons say that no bones were broken, but the man was injured internally. Summerfield held to a plank which fell with him and still held hold of it when he came to the surface.

Were Held in \$10,000 Bail.

La Plata, Md., Dec. 22.—Seven of the suspected bank robbers arrested recently in Baltimore were held in \$10,000 bail yesterday for Judge Robertson. Each was remanded in \$10,000 bail to await the action of the Charles county grand jury, on the charge of robbing the Southern Maryland Savings bank on November 24.

Trainmaster S. A. Stack of the Big Four has begun an investigation of the dangerous wreck which occurred between Kyles and Hughes stations Tuesday night in which passengers on the Detroit and Michigan Central trains narrowly escaped death.

The First Baptist Sunday School will give their Christmas entertainment Friday evening at 7 o'clock. A program of recitations, songs, etc., has been arranged, and will be followed by a treat to members of the school.

The Juniata Rebekah lodge will postpone the entertainment of Friday evening in the I. O. O. F. hall on account of the death of our sister, Irene Huffman. Ida Patton, Noble Grand.

Because the visit of old Santa Claus draws him the traction cars will run north until 9 o'clock each evening excepting Saturday evening, when cars will be run until 10 o'clock.

Dr. Lake, the veterinary surgeon, has sent a fine Scotch collie to his father at Portsmouth, Ohio, for a Christmas present. The dog is valued at \$25.

ELECTION FRAUDS.

Colorado's Supreme Court Hears More Evidence.

HANDWRITING EXPERTS.

They Present a Report as to One Precinct in Denver.

ARGUED THEIR OWN CASES.

Two Election Judges Arraigned for Contempt of Court. Throw Themselves Upon the Mercy of the Tribunal—Decision is Reserved.

Denver, Dec. 22.—The report presented to the supreme court yesterday by the handwriting experts who examined the ballots in the box from Precinct two, Ward four, of this city, showed that of 356 votes 144 were apparently fraudulent. One hundred and forty ballots with the democratic heading were reported to have been written by five persons, one of whom had written 119. Four ballots with the republican heading had been written by two persons. There were in the box 177 democratic and 25 republican ballots which appeared to be regular.

M. M. Hamma, republican expert, testified to his belief that on closer examination of at least 100 of the ballots which appeared to be regular would prove to be fraudulent. George H. King, democratic expert, also testified that there probably were some fraudulent votes which had not been detected in the hurried examination of the ballots.

The court later heard further testimony on the contempt charges against Isaac Goldman and Edward Sweeney, election judges. Sweeney and Goldman, who conducted their own defense, disclaimed knowledge of the fraudulent ballots and denied that they had willfully violated the court's orders. Both threw themselves upon the mercy of the court. Sweeney said his wife was dead and he wished to take her remains to Chicago. Chief Justice Gabbert took the case under consideration.

Twenty-three men now serving sentences in jail for contempt of court have filed petition for a rehearing and alleviation of sentence. The grounds upon which they are based are solely technical, the principal one being a challenge of the right of the supreme court to assume jurisdiction of the election.

WAR NEWS.

Japs are Preparing to Attack Port Arthur in Greater Force than Ever.

London, Dec. 22.—The Daily Telegraph's Chefoo correspondent says that the steamer Lady Mitchell, which sailed from Tsingtao with supplies, ammunition and dynamite, reached Port Arthur during a snow storm four nights ago. He says it is reported that the Japanese were compelled to evacuate their position on Mount Moutan, owing to a flanking fire from other forts and the explosion of Russian mines, from which they lost heavily.

They express a determination to capture Port Arthur by the Chinese New Year. An attack is now preparing that will be on a hitherto unequalled scale, and it will mean either success or terrible disaster to the besiegers.

The correspondent concludes by saying that Gen. Nogi has asked for 60,000 reinforcements from Japan.

Tidal Wave Struck a Ship.

New York, Dec. 22.—After a stormy voyage during which she was struck by a tidal wave, the steamship Kronland arrived yesterday from Antwerp. The voyage was the worst the vessel has ever experienced. On the 12th the vessel was struck by a tidal wave which brought her to a standstill and sent tons of water over her deck. P. Pierotte, a passenger, was picked up and thrown across the deck. His left leg was broken in two places.

A Conference of Republicans.

New York, Dec. 22.—The conference of republicans, called by United States Senator Platt in the interest of the re-election of Senator Dewey by the coming state legislature, was held at the Fifth Avenue hotel yesterday. It was in session about three hours and adjourned without day after appointing a committee of seven to wait upon Gov. Odell, who was not invited, and inform him of the sentiment expressed at the conference.

Floating Derrick Struck a Warship.

New York, Dec. 22.—Breaking five great cables as if they had been threads, the 100-ton floating derrick Hercules, moored to the side of the new battleship Connecticut, broke adrift in the navy yard basin in Wallabout Bay yesterday and crashed into the stern of the battleship Texas, smashing several plates and so injuring the war vessel that she will have to go into dry dock.

The Holiday Recess Begins.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Both houses of congress adjourned yesterday until January 4. No business of any importance was transacted in either the house or senate.

Britt Got \$8,877 for Winning.

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—The total gate receipts of the Britt-Nelson fight were \$26,900, of which Britt received \$8,877, Nelson \$5,913 and the Yosemite club \$12,105.

Ran Into an Open Switch.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 22.—A Pere Marquette passenger train ran into an open switch here last night and three or four persons were injured.

An Anti-Gambling Crusade.

Columbus, O., Dec. 22.—Mayor Jeffrey, who has announced an intention of not being a candidate for re-nomination, has declared an aggressive campaign against all forms of gambling. Beginning with policy, the orders have been extended to apply to slot machines, all forms of raffles and dice games.

A Prominent Doctor Dies.

Hamilton, O., Dec. 22.—Dr. Henry Moriarty, aged 82, who has resided here three score years and was a native of Virginia, died last night. He was prominently connected with medical societies and the Masons and was well known throughout the state as a leading Methodist.

A TRIPLE TRAGEDY.

A Clerk in a Store Kills a Woman, a Constable and Himself.

Lockport, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Fred Jones, a clerk in a store at Newfane, shot and killed Mrs. Abbie Goodrich and Constable William C. Gray yesterday and then shot himself.

Jones was a suitor of Mrs. Goodrich, who was a widow with several children and well-to-do. Being older than Jones, she objected to his attentions. Jones, it is alleged, had threatened to kill her and burn her property, in consequence of which she obtained a warrant for his arrest which was given to Constable Gray to serve.

Gray went to the store where Jones was employed. Jones requested permission to send for Mrs. Goodrich with her. Upon her arrival they had some words, resulting in Jones drawing a revolver and shooting her in the head. Constable Gray sprang toward Jones, when he also received a bullet in the temple. Jones then put a bullet in his own head. All three are dead.

A Scarcity of Hickory Wood.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Increasing scarcity of hickory wood in the United States has alarmed the manufacturers of wooden vehicles to such an extent that at a meeting here yesterday of over 200 representatives of these manufacturers the advisability of taking the matter before congress was discussed. Hickory trees have recently been attacked by an insect which is fast destroying that class of timber. It was declared that unless the government took action in devising means whereby these insects are destroyed, in ten years practically all hickory trees in the United States will have been destroyed.

A Big Fraud in Transfers.

New York, Dec. 22.—The New York City Railway Co. loses \$1,000 a day through an illegal system of transfers, according to the statement made yesterday by the company's chief inspector in a police court. The inspector appeared as the complainant against four men who had been arrested, charged with using transfers which they had solicited from persons in New York yesterday. The men were each held in \$100 bail for trial. The inspector said he had unearthed a system in a big department of the company, where the employees by exchanging and repurchasing transfers were defrauding the company.

A Big Deal in Real Estate.

Pittsburg, Dec. 22.—A real estate trade deal of unusual proportions was closed in New York yesterday by which the E. M. Rush estate of this city, secures three large hotel properties in New York City, giving in part payment its real estate in Pittsburg valued at \$1,100,000. The agreement of the properties involved is in the neighborhood of \$5,000,000. The Rush estate has had transferred to it for a consideration of \$4,100,000 Bretton Hall, the Regent and the Aberdeen, all 12-story hotels in New York. The combined rental of which is \$220,000 per annum.

The Trial Nears a Finish.

New York, Dec. 22.—Judge Vernon M. Davis did not deliver his charge to the jury in the trial of Nat Patterson, the former actress, last night, but sent the jurymen home to rest after a day spent listening to the arguments of counsel. Alvin Karpis, chief counsel for the defendant, occupied the time of the morning session with his argument, while Assistant District Attorney Rand took up the afternoon with his speech. Both addresses were impassioned and eloquent.

An Industrial Boom is Predicted.

Pittsburg, Dec. 22.—Officials of many industrial concerns in and about Pittsburg are searching for men whom they wish to put to work in their plants. The bright prospects for an increased amount of business after the first of next year are responsible for this move and thousands of unemployed in the city and suburban towns will be given steady work after January 1.

Refused to Arbitrate.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 22.—The Fall River cotton manufacturers have rejected the proposition for arbitration by the National Civic Federation submitted by the textile committee and ratified by mass meetings of five unions.

A Very Disastrous Drouth.

Pittsburg, Dec. 22.—The scarcity of water caused by a three months' drouth is assuming alarming proportions in this vicinity. Not since the drouth of 1895 has the water supply been so low. Coal mines, coke ovens, mines and railroads have been compelled to practically suspend operations and unless relief comes soon the mills will also be seriously affected. The public schools of Wilkesmering and Wilkesburg were dismissed yesterday on account of no water. The output of the coke ovens has been reduced one-third and the loss is about \$1,000,000 a month.

Two More Removals from Office.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Postmaster General Wynne yesterday removed two more rural carriers for alleged efforts to influence legislation, the employees being H. E. Nivin, of Berthoud, Col., and J. W. Whitehead, of Medina, O. Nivin is chairman of the executive board of the National Rural Carriers' association. Whitehead also is a member of the executive board and is secretary of the Ohio organization of the carriers.

Lawyer Convicted of Forgery.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—John R. McFee, a lawyer, once in good standing in Chicago, was yesterday sentenced to the penitentiary on one of several charges of forgery. McFee is alleged to have forged nearly \$40,000 by forgery. Much of the money was squandered on race tracks. Even while his trial was in progress the grand jury was hearing further charges of forgery against McFee. The heaviest losers by McFee's alleged forgeries was Mrs. Anderson, victimized to the extent of \$13,500. The others were Chicago banks.

Are Planning a New Railway.

Cincinnati, Dec. 22.—Plans for building the Cincinnati, Toledo & Detroit Short Line railway, an electric line, were discussed at a meeting of directors of the company in this city yesterday. President J. M. Morgan, of Toledo, presided. Regarding the project he said: "Our purpose is to build an electric railway from Cincinnati to Toledo, not a traction property, but an electric railway in every sense of the word." The company has a capital of \$5,000,000.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Eva Harbaugh, of St. Paul, Minn., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Lena Thomas, of Ridgeway, and both were in this city Tuesday calling upon old friends.

Kernan Whitworth, of Ada, is expected here this week to spend Christmas with Attorney and Mrs. James Kernan.

Homer LeSourd, instructor in Milton Academy, Boston, is home for a few days stay.

Mrs. Vance Wellman is here from Cleveland a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Wellman.

Dr. and Mrs. Foreman will spend Christmas in Bloomer.

James Fisher, formerly of this city, now city civil engineer of the city of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, is in the city calling on relatives and old time friends. Mr. Fisher has not been in Bellevontaine for the last four years. He has a fine position and commands a salary of \$3000 yearly. Engineer Fisher has recently completed the surveys for miles of new sewerage systems for Williamsport, and although seeing many improvements in Bellevontaine, he is surprised that a city of this size has no sewerage plant.

James Lockhart left Wednesday evening for Philadelphia, Pa., where he will spend Christmas with friends and relatives.

Hon. Chase Stewart, of Springfield and brother, Marshall Stewart, of Hardin county, Ohio, were here Wednesday on legal business.

Prof. Thomas McCracken, instructor in Monmouth college, Monmouth, Ill., is here to spend the holiday season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McCracken.

Dr. Arthur McCracken, of Indianapolis, will spend Christmas here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McCracken.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Dietrick are in Warren, Ohio, attending the Ohio State Grange as delegates.

Attorney Burton Wellman, of Cleveland, is expected here Saturday to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Wellman, of Cleveland, will be here this week to spend Christmas with Mr. Wellman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wellman.

Dr. McNeil and Miss Anna Blair, of Bellecenter, were among those in attendance at the Hi Henry Minstrels Wednesday night.

Mrs. Charles Carroll and son, of Dayton, arrived yesterday to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Zerbe.

T. B. Higgins and family left for Bellefontaine, Ohio, Saturday morning, where they will make their future home. For the past six months Mr. Higgins has been employed in the city as butter maker at the creamery.

Portland, Ind., Sun. Mrs. Florence Rebeck Slater arrived here Wednesday evening from her home in Cleveland called by the serious illness of her brother, Edwin Rebeck.

Mrs. B. C. Shoemaker and son Robert, of Mt. Blanchard, Ohio, are here guests of Mrs. Shoemaker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. McD. McCracken. Mr. Shoemaker comes Sunday.

Mr. Robert Coulter, son of W. W. Coulter, who is studying osteopathy at the college at Kirksville, Mo., is here for a two weeks' visit.

Miss Bess Knight, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Knight, who has been at Peoria, Ill., for some months past studying the art of watch construction and repairing, comes home this week, having completed her studies.

M. L. Plank left over the Big Four Thursday for Gunn City, Mo.

Uncle John Riley has returned to Mt. Victory after a several days' visit here.

W. O. Foreman is in London on business today.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. McConnell, of Hardin county, were here Wednesday guests of the former's brother, A. F. McConnell, of south Madison street.

Dr. Lee Tran, of Middleburg, was here on business Wednesday.

Mr. Will Chandler, of Columbus, will spend Sunday here.

Lawrence Swan will be home from Oxford college to spend Christmas.

Robert Butler comes home Friday from medical college, Cincinnati.

George N. Short is home from Delaware for the holiday season.

Mrs. Maggie Rosback is expected this week from Ft. Wayne, Indiana, to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mrs. E. A. Swan and daughter, Lucetta, are home after a visit in Bellecenter.

Fuller Wallace and Harold Emerson are home from Wooster college for the holidays.

Miss Mary Graham comes home tomorrow from musical conservatory at Cincinnati.

Earl Shuffletton is home from Delaware college to spend the holidays with his parents.

Mr. Roy Dean is home for the holiday season from Denton college located at Granville, Ohio.

Miss Frances Dean comes home today from college at Alma, Mich., to spend her holiday vacation.

Dr. Frank A. Pool and wife, of Chicago, come here Friday, the former to remain in over Sunday and the latter to spend the holiday season.

Mrs. John Hite, of West Liberty, spent Tuesday afternoon in this city with her sister, Mrs. H. G. Butcher, in Scioto street.—Urbana Times Children.

Mrs. W. W. Williams will spend Christmas in Indianapolis, Ind.

NEWSY NOTES

Gathered by Our Correspondent at Northwood.

Northwood, December 21.—Winter seems to have got the grip on us this time sure.

There was an oyster supper and C. E. social at the home of Mrs. James Middleton last Friday evening.

The R. P. congregation here will have their annual church social in the church December 30.

The U. P. folks had a very pleasant social at the residence of Dr. D. C. Mitchell last Friday evening. Music, graphophone selections, etc., helped to make the time pass quickly and pleasantly and made each one present desire a repetition.

Albert Ewing, son of Mrs. Kezia Ewing, of the village, died of lung trouble Thursday night at last week. The funeral was held Saturday afternoon. Interment in Rushsylvania cemetery.

Mrs. Mary Miller writes to friends here that they have located on their farm near Marion, Illinois, and expect soon to be comfortably settled in their old home.

The driving winds of Tuesday drifted the snow considerably in places and left other places quite bare.

If you want to see Sidney Zirkle smile just ask him about that "little girl" that came to their house December 14.

F. M. Cook is hauling stone now and intends repairing his barn and also building an addition to it in the spring.

The Chipmunk Literary will have their first performance of the season Friday night of this week.

By the use of fresh pork and buckwheat cakes with butter and syrup the poor farmer is trying to keep starvation away from himself and family.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all Index-Republican readers.

Bellecenter Bulletins.

Bellecenter, Dec. 19.—There has been quite an amount of hay and straw bled near here during this season. Mr. Will Langhin has been keeping four bales at work and Mr. J. T. Brown expects to keep his baler running all winter. He has bought 100 tons of hay and straw from Mr. C. C. McCarty, near the reservoir.

Margaret Isabelle Hannum was born November 1, 1900, and died December 16, 1904, aged 4 years 1 mo. and 15 days. This is the history of a very sweet life. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Hannum. After having done all that medical aid could do she was taken to the Hamer hospital on Monday, where she underwent an operation from which she rallied and Friday morning hopes were entertained for her recovery, but at noon on Friday she grew worse and died at 6:30 in the evening. The funeral was held from the home on Sabbath afternoon at 2 o'clock. The sermon was preached by Rev. Robt. Wallace. Interment in Fairview cemetery. She was a very bright and interesting child and the grief-stricken parents and only brother have the sympathy of all.

The Presbyterian C. E. society held a social in the church on Wednesday evening at which time new officers were elected, after which refreshments were served.

The dollar social in the U. P. church was a success.

Mr. F. M. Lyle and Mr. Carr have opened a new grocery in the Welsh room on Main street. Mr. Lyle has moved into the house vacated by Rev. Robt. Grieve. His many friends here welcome him back after an absence of two years in Rushsylvania and Kenton.

The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church will hold their Christmas market in E. P. Ellis' store on Saturday, December 24.

A great many persons here received invitations to the silver wedding to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Glasgow on Friday evening, Dec. 23.

Mr. J. Miller, who has been sick for two weeks, is now under quarantine in his home.

Miss Letitia McCracken is ill with scarlet fever and their home is quarantined.

Attorney J. C. Briggs has been appointed receiver of the affair in regard to W. O. Deeks and took charge of the books on Saturday morning.

Mr. T. H. Sloan has sold his stock of general merchandise to C. E. Wharton of Kenton.

Burglars attempted to open the safe in the office of the township clerk, J. G. Young, on Sabbath morning, but were unsuccessful.

Mr. R. U. Graham slipped in front of Patterson's grocery Wednesday afternoon and broke one of the plate glass windows in his fall.

Fulton's carpenters finished George Windham's barn Wednesday and began to erect a house for Joseph Rubie Thursday.

Mr. McMichael, of the theological seminary in Xenia, preached two able sermons in the U. P. church on Sabbath. His theme in the morning was the married vessel in the hands of the potter, and in the evening The Bound Word. The word of God is not bound.

There will be a meeting Wednesday December 28, of the U. P. congregation to moderate a call for Rev. I. McGay Knipe, of Iowa, to become pastor of the congregation.

The Cooking club entertained at a six o'clock dinner on Friday evening. A very enjoyable time was had.

A company of friends from the vi-

city of Yelverton will start today (Monday) for the west on a prospecting tour.

Mrs. Hall, of Yelverton, has accepted a position as clerk in the Patterson grocery.

Will Alexander, who has been clerking in the Patterson grocery, will go west soon.

Mr. Carnes moved from the James Short house to his father's farm, west of town, on Monday, and Mr. Joseph Harrod is moving into the house vacated by Carnes.

The local undertakers were called to Yelverton Saturday by the death of Mrs. Green Porter.

Big Springs Letter.

Big Springs, Dec. 20.—Mr. Munson Gardner, who is working on a dredge in Indiana, came home to visit here for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rosebrook went to Bellefontaine, Thursday, where Mrs. Rosebrook visited her old friend, Mrs. Caroline Williams.

The handbag, which was lost by Miss Young of Springfield, O., and was advertised in the Index, was found and returned by Mr. Crouse, of near Bellefontaine.

Rev. W. J. Elliott and Mrs. Elliott of Ridgeway, attended and assisted at the woodchoppers which were made for the old people here.

Mr. Walter Gardner and family are here visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Gardner, for a few days before going to Kansas, where he will be employed putting in machinery in a new cement factory there.

The friends and neighbors of Miss Hannah Anderson made her a woodchopping Wednesday and chopped and hauled a nice lot of wood for her. They filled her woodhouse full and corded the wood up to the roof and what the house would not hold they corded outside. The ladies came in bringing well filled baskets and cooked and served an excellent dinner to which forty did justice. Miss Hannah desires to thank those kind friends who furnished and hauled the wood, also those who chopped, and the ladies who cooked the dinner and those who assisted by their gifts. It is pleasant to be remembered and deeds of kindness ought not to be forgotten.

Mrs. James McKinley visited her sister, Mrs. Emma Wyburn, on the Miami, Thursday.

Mrs. Taylor, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Grady, on Sunday, Dec. 11, was buried at West Liberty, Tuesday.

Quincy News Items.

Quincy, Dec. 19.—The snow which fell more than one week ago is very beneficial to the wheat.

A Christmas entertainment will be given at the M. E. church next Saturday evening. An old fashioned fireplace and chimney in which many of the presents will be placed will be a novel attraction to many people. People are urged to bring presents for both old and young. Pains and expense have not been spared to make this an entertaining and profitable occasion.

G. S. Webb, our liverman, made a business trip to Bellefontaine last Thursday and brought back a new horse.

Christmas shoppers are now very busy making purchases. Our ice dealers expect soon to begin packing ice.

Mr. James Elbrite,